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covered by loans and grants from the Government of India. Another large item relates to various schemes of industrial development, as explained in the detailed estimates. The total sum asked for under this grant amounts to about Rs. 25 lakhs.

With these words I commend the supplementary estimates for the acceptance of the House.

V.—PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEARS 1951–52 AND 1952–53.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. the Minister for Finance will present the Statement of Demands for Excess Expenditure in 1951–52 and 1952–53.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the Statements of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in the years 1951–52 and 1952–53. The appropriations originally provided for, in the Budget Estimates can never be expected to tally entirely with the actuals, and excesses under some grants are inevitable. The explanatory notes appended to the statements give the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee constituted for the years 1955–56 and 1956–57 at its meetings held during the course of 1955–56 and 1956–57 examined the reasons for the excesses and recommended that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly. The reports of the Public Accounts Committee were published in January 1956 and May 1956 and action for moving the Demands for Excess Grants could not be taken till now, owing to the pressure of other Legislative business.

MR. SPEAKER : I would suggest that the Hon. Finance Minister and the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee follow the British practice that the Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure should be brought within the next following year. We are now having the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure incurred in 1951–52 and 1952–53.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I know we are taking up this statement after four or five years and it is not quite a satisfactory state of affairs. The Public Accounts Committee also has taken notice of this fact. We are trying our best to expedite, so that the statement may be brought before the Assembly as soon as possible.

VI.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

" That this House ratifies the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament."